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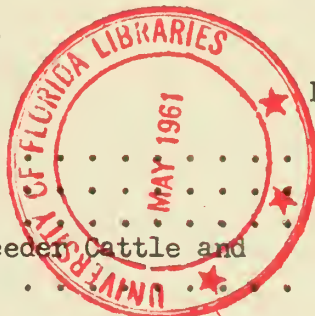
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW and RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Price trends were generally 50¢-\$1.00 lower on slaughter steers at midwest markets with heifers largely 25-50¢ lower. Continued liberal marketings as well as further declines on dressed beef prompted the downturns. Slaughter cows sold mostly steady and the moderate volume of stocker and feeder cattle and calves closed steady to 50¢ lower. Prices advanced late in the week on barrows and gilts erasing early downturn and leaving closing prices steady to 25¢ higher at most points for the week. Upturns on dressed lamb stimulated advances of 25¢-\$1.00 on old crop and spring slaughter lambs.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steer prices declined for the sixth consecutive week at major midwest terminals reaching a new low since June, 1957. Slaughter steers were generally weak to \$1.25 lower with declines of 50¢-\$1.00 recorded on the Good to Prime grades at most markets. Heifers were steady to 75¢ lower with declines of 25¢-50¢ common. Slaughter steers and heifers weighing under 1100# sold in much the same price range on a grade-for-grade basis. Cows were uneven but averaged about steady and bulls sold steady. Vealers were steady to \$1.00 higher at both St. Paul and St. Louis. Liberal supplies and a lower trend on carcass beef prompted the sharp price break in steers and heifers. Supplies proved excessive for the prevailing demand which has been tempered by liberal beef production during the past several weeks. The number of slaughter steers sold out of first hands at the seven markets for the week in review totaled 98,599, the largest since January 1960. Bulk of the receipts at most terminals were slaughter steers and heifers with the Good and Choice grades predominating. High-Choice and Prime steers and heifers were in very small supply.

At Chicago Choice and Prime 1050-1450# steers brought \$24.25-26.50. A few loads Prime 1200-1325# sold at \$26.60-27.00 but only 1 load reached \$26.75 at midweek. At other points a few high-Choice and Prime steers sold at \$23.75-25.50. Bulk of the high-Good and Choice 900-1350# sold at \$21.75-24.50 with some Choice and mixed Choice and Prime 1350-1700# at \$22.00-24.00. Good steers brought \$20.50-22.50. A few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime heifers moved at \$23.50-24.25 while Choice brought \$22.25-23.75 and Good \$20.50-22.50. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$15.75-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.50-16.00.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves were somewhat smaller than the

seasonally moderate numbers marketed the previous week. Medium to average-Choice 500-750# yearling steers continued to make up a fairly large percent of supplies. However, moderate numbers of 800-1050# feeders also were on offer, these for the most part partly fattened. Further downturns in slaughter cattle prices influenced a continued bearish demand for stockers and feeders and for the fifth consecutive week prices followed a lower trend. In trading which at best was only moderately active, prices were unevenly steady to 50¢ lower. Steers over 800# usually were under most pressure and in some instances were as much as \$1.00 lower. However, with slaughter cattle buyers often extremely bearish, feeder buyers even at lowered price levels purchased a sizeable share of the 800-1000# two-way partly fattened kind.

Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers brought \$21.00-24.00 but not many exceeded \$23.50. At St. Paul a string of Choice fleshy 1087# steers brought \$23.00 but many feeder buyers were reluctant to exceed \$22.00 on feeders 1000# up. Weight continued to be a very important price determining factor. For example at Omaha a shipment of Choice 750# steers brought \$25.00, while very few over 800# at that market exceeded \$23.00. Choice 585# stock steers reached \$29.75 but were hardly a criterion of the general market, as bulk Good and Choice 525-750# sold chiefly from \$23.00-27.00, few up to \$28.00. Good and Choice yearling heifers ranged \$21.00-25.00. Choice 648# heifers were included at \$23.75. A couple shipments Choice and Fancy 400# steer calves brought \$33.00 and \$34.00 and two shipments 350# Choice and Fancy heifer calves went at \$27.50-28.25. Bulk Good and Choice steer calves sold from \$24.00-30.00, same grades heifer calves largely \$23.00-26.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the twelve terminals at 348,000 was nearly 6 percent larger than the previous week and also slightly more than the corresponding week a year ago. The run at St. Joseph totaled the largest for any week since mid-December, 1959, while Chicago had the largest week's supply since last December. Shipments of mixed U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3, 190-270# barrows and gilts made up the bulk of supplies with weights under 220# relatively scarce at western cornbelt markets. Receipts in the western area continued to include a rather generous volume scaling 250-270#. Sows made up 6 - 16 percent at the various points. Shipper demand continued fairly broad with those interests taking about 55 percent of the Indianapolis run and 45 percent of the supply at Chicago. Outside orders were mainly

for 190-240# barrows and gilts but at some markets a relatively large percentage of sows also moved into those channels. Early price downturns were general but some price advance in the wholesale pork trade had a stimulating effect to the live market on the late sessions of the week. Compared with the previous week's close, barrows and gilts closed mostly steady to 25¢ higher, except steady to 25¢ lower at St. Louis and Chicago and 25-50¢ lower at Indianapolis. Sows closed steady to 75¢ lower, largely 25-50¢ off.

At the close, U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts bulked at \$17.00-17.50. Mixed U. S. 1-3, and 2-3, 180-250# sold at \$16.25-17.25 and up to \$17.50 at Chicago. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows brought \$13.00-15.50, largely \$14.00-15.50.

Prices on feeder pigs held steady at St. Paul but 25-50¢ lower at Sioux City. Good and Choice 130-160# offerings at St. Paul sold at \$16.00-16.50, same grades 130-170# at Sioux City \$15.50-16.50.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 86¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago May 4 to May 10, 1961 inclusive.

HOGS - Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area totaled 328,000 head, a decrease of about 9 percent when compared with the preceding week and about 4 percent from the like period a year earlier. The rush of spring field work retarded marketing to some extent in many parts of the area. Sows made up about 8 percent of receipts.

Demand as a general rule was fairly good. Prices for barrows and gilts were steady to 25¢ higher for the week. Sows were steady to 25¢ lower, instances 40¢ off on weights over 450#.

Mixed U. S. No. 1-3 200-230# barrows and gilts sold on Friday from \$16.00-16.75 with a limited volume No. 1 and 2 \$16.50-17.00. No. 1-3 270-400# sows brought \$14.00-15.65; 400-550# \$12.75-14.65.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 terminals totaled 109,000, 11 percent more than the previous week and 10 percent over the corresponding week last year. Higher dressed lamb prices at most wholesale centers and resumption of the carcass lamb buying program by the Government were bullish factors which offset influences of the increased receipts, and live prices advanced. Spring and old crop slaughter lambs were strong to \$1.25 higher, mostly 25¢-\$1.00 up and slaughter ewes were mostly steady to 50¢ higher, a limited volume of feeder lambs steady to 50¢ higher.

The small volume of Choice to Prime, mostly Choice, 80-116# woolled slaughter lambs sold at \$14.75-16.25 and a deck 106# earned \$16.50 at Omaha with a part deck Choice 91# \$17.00 at Chicago; Good to Choice 74-117#

ranged \$13.00-15.00. Choice and Prime shorn lambs 85-117# with No. 3 to fall shorn pelts brought \$14.00-15.50 and six decks, 100-107# with No. 1 and 2 pelts went at \$16.00 in Chicago. Good to mostly Choice with No. 3 to fall shorn pelts weighing 75-120# sold from \$13.00-15.00, few loads 118-129# at \$11.50-13.25. Choice and Prime 82-110# spring slaughter lambs sold from \$17.00-18.50 with large share \$17.50 up, a few 82-101# reached \$19.00 at Omaha and St. Joseph with few lots to \$20.00 at Chicago. Good and Choice lambs 70-111# sold at \$16.00-18.00, mainly \$16.50-17.75. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes went from \$2.00-6.00, mostly \$3.00-5.50. A small volume of Good and Choice 70-97# old crop feeder lambs sold at \$10.00-13.25. A few Choice 54-60# spring feeders at Sioux City sold at \$16.00-16.50, while Good and Choice 51-70# spring feeders sold at Fort Worth from \$12.00-13.00.

Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area were approximately 10 percent larger than the previous week and 22 percent more than a year ago. Old crop slaughter lambs closed mostly 50¢ higher, instances \$1.00 up. Few sales of spring slaughter lambs and slaughter ewes fully steady to 50¢ higher. Choice with a few Prime 90-100# shorn lambs with No. 2 to fall shorn pelts delivered to packing plants sold at \$14.00-15.00, an occasional high-yielding lot \$15.50. Choice 100-115# and Good to Choice 90-110# ranged \$12.50-14.50. Choice, and a few Prime, 90-105# woolled slaughter lambs brought \$14.50-15.50, instances \$16.00; Choice 105-115# and Good to Choice 90-110# went at \$13.50-15.00. Scattered lots Choice and Prime 80-95# spring slaughter lambs \$18.00-18.50; Choice 90-100# \$17.50-18.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold from \$2.00-4.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady in Arizona and southern California, but weak to instances 50¢ lower in northern California. Stocker and feeder cattle and calves weak to \$1.00 lower, full decline on 700-1100# steers. Spring lambs steady in Arizona, steady to 50¢ lower in California.

Slaughter steers: In California, 7 loads average to high-Choice 950-1050# \$24.25-24.50; over California and Arizona high-Good to mostly Choice 900-1100# \$22.65-24.00; same grades 1125-1250# \$22.25-23.00 and 4 loads 1250-1300# \$21.50-21.75. Good 875-1200# \$21.00-22.50. In Utah, mostly Choice, 1000-1200# \$21.50-22.25.

Slaughter heifers: Over the area mostly Choice 750-875# \$23.00-23.50, 2 loads \$23.75-24.00.

Stockers and feeders: Good to Fancy, mostly Choice, 300-450# stock steer calves \$25.50-28.00, mainly Choice heifers \$24.00-26.00; Good and Choice 450-550# steers \$24.00-25.00; Good and Choice 600-775# steers \$21.50-23.00, 775-1000# \$19.50-21.00; Good and Choice 550-650# heifers \$19.75-21.00.

Lambs: In Arizona and California Choice and Prime 90-115# spring slaughter lambs, \$15.00-17.00. In California, a 1,500 head string mostly Choice shorn old crop 120-125# lambs with No. 1 pelts \$13.50.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots moderately active through Thursday noon but slow at the close. Slaughter steers sold mostly 50¢ lower while heifers were steady to 50¢ lower, mostly 25¢ lower. Around 31 loads average to high-Choice 1125-1225# slaughter steers, some loads carrying an end of Prime, \$23.00-23.50; 86 loads low and average-Choice 1065-1250# \$22.50-23.00; 13 loads high-Good and Choice 1175-1250# \$22.50; 5 loads Standard to high-Good 1250#, \$19.50. Early in the week 11 loads mostly average-Choice 850-925# slaughter heifers \$23.75-24.00, but by Thursday noon only a few reached \$23.50; 28 loads average-Choice 850-1025# \$23.00-23.50; 102 loads low and average Choice 925-1075# \$22.50-23.00, mostly \$22.75 and up.

The apparent small volume of old-crop slaughter lambs left in this trade area had some strengthening effect on prices. Shorn slaughter lambs sold 50-75¢ higher. Choice 98-108# shorn lambs, some loads carrying an end of Prime, with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$15.00-15.50, few 110-112# \$14.75.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Slaughter steers closed 50¢-\$1.00 lower, heifers steady. Stockers and feeders very slow, unchanged. Around 600 average to high-Choice 1418# slaughter steers early \$23.00, 550 Choice 990-1250# \$23.00-23.75, 575 high-Good and Choice 1100-1225# \$22.50-22.75; 400 mostly Good 1050-1210# \$21.25-22.75; 320 high-Good and Choice 800-880# slaughter heifers \$23.00-23.50; 362 Good 650-740# \$22.50-22.75. About 400 Good, few Choice 550-612# stock steers \$23.50-23.75. Spring slaughter lambs strong to 50¢ higher, other classes steady; 5,500 Choice 100-108# No. 1 and 2 pelt shorn slaughter lambs with few yearlings \$11.00-11.50, 5,000 Choice and Prime 80-85# spring slaughter lambs \$17.00-17.50, 5,000 Choice and Fancy 70-80# spring feeder lambs \$13.00-14.00, 2,000 Choice 85# \$12.00.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter cattle moderately active, steady to mostly 50¢ lower, stockers and feeders slow, weak to \$1.00 lower; 400 Good and Choice 1175-1225# slaughter steers

\$21.75-22.75; 358 Good and Choice 950-992# slaughter heifers \$22.25-23.00, 90 Good 830-925# \$21.00; Good and Choice 904# and Choice 722# feeder steers \$23.00, high-Choice 675-725# \$23.00-23.50, Good and Choice 550-750# \$20.00-24.50. Good and Choice 445-527# stock steers \$26.00-27.00; Good and Choice 545-600# feeder heifers \$22.50-23.00 early, late 560-610# \$20.00-21.75; mostly Choice 675-690# heifers August delivery \$21.75.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers steady to 50¢ lower, heifers steady to weak; stocker and feeder cattle about steady; spring slaughter lambs \$1.00 lower, but sales in southern Idaho 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice 1000-1100# \$22.75-23.50 with 1100-1200# \$22.00-22.50. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 1000-1125# \$21.00-22.00, mostly \$21.50-22.00, mixed Good and Choice 1150# \$20.50; mostly Standard, few low-Good, 1000-1250# Holsteins \$19.00-19.75 with over \$19.35 on delivered basis.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good and Choice 820-950# \$22.50-23.25. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 800-1000# \$21.00-22.00, mixed Good and Choice 925-950# \$20.50-20.75.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - Good and Choice 875# short two-year-old feeder steers \$21.90. Good 400-700# mixed yearling \$21.50-22.50 on steers, \$20.00-21.50 on heifers. Common and Medium aged stock cows with 1-3-month-old calves at side \$175.00-180.00 per pair.

Spring slaughter lambs: Idaho - Lamb Pools: Choice and Prime 95-98# \$17.25-17.55. Oregon - Choice and Prime 92-96# \$18.00-18.25, Choice 102# shorn lambs No. 2 pelts \$13.00.

Wool: Idaho - Wool Pools: Bulk 1/4-3/8, some 1/2 blood, mainly 46-47.51¢ grease basis. Oregon - Range clips, bulk fine, 42-44¢, grease basis, current to June 15 delivery.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Direct trading extremely slow on all classes of livestock. Few sales on slaughter steers 25¢ lower. Around 150 Choice 1165# slaughter steers \$22.75, load Good around 1200# \$20.00.

Stock calves: Around 3,000 Good to mostly Choice stock calves contracted for fall delivery, steers \$26.00, heifers \$24.00.

Slaughter lambs 75¢-\$1.00 higher. Choice 100-105# shorn slaughter lambs with No. 1 pelts, \$13.00.

Wool: Extremely slow, 4-5¢ lower after initial sales; 15,000# mostly fine with some half-blood, moderate shrink, 41¢ per grease pound. Around 105,000# bulk quarter and three-eighths, 50.55-51.2¢, that at 51.2¢ with 5¢ discount for short fleeces.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

| Market | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | |
|---------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 |
| | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
| Chicago | 41,074 | 44,489 | 189 | 211 | 41,003 | 38,894 | 4,381 | 3,256 |
| Cincinnati | 2,778 | 3,224 | 587 | 720 | 9,776 | 12,411 | 580 | 332 |
| Denver | 9,806 | 11,930 | 131 | 469 | 5,053 | 5,388 | 10,095 | 8,496 |
| Fort Worth | 9,871 | 7,880 | 863 | 2,268 | 2,223 | 3,389 | 42,305 | 45,659 |
| Indianapolis | 7,115 | 7,348 | 319 | 628 | 29,930 | 31,722 | 1,339 | 1,144 |
| Kansas City | 22,246 | 19,237 | 377 | 571 | 21,537 | 18,859 | 8,513 | 7,416 |
| Oklahoma City | 8,990 | 9,406 | 388 | 697 | 3,862 | 4,420 | 3,283 | 3,166 |
| Omaha | 38,675 | 41,965 | 165 | 310 | 49,425 | 45,494 | 13,089 | 9,031 |
| St. Joseph | 16,031 | 18,526 | 244 | 435 | 36,453 | 28,104 | 9,691 | 6,074 |
| St. Louis NSY | 15,760 | 16,034 | 1,251 | 1,776 | 60,626 | 67,749 | 2,517 | 2,681 |
| Sioux City | 27,574 | 26,232 | 888 | 410 | 45,875 | 39,629 | 7,416 | 7,376 |
| S. St. Paul | 20,596 | 22,754 | 4,679 | 5,301 | 41,790 | 41,922 | 5,930 | 4,180 |
| Total | 220,516 | 229,025 | 10,081 | 13,796 | 347,553 | 337,981 | 109,139 | 98,811 |
| " May 6, 1961 | 212,439 | | 9,995 | | 329,118 | | 98,597 | |

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| INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA - | | May 13, 1961 | May 6, 1961 | May 14, 1960 |
| Hogs | | 328,000 | 359,000 | 340,000 |
| Sheep | | 30,100 | 27,400 | 24,600 |

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

| | Week ended | | Month | | Four months | |
|----------------------------|------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| | May 11 | May 4 | May 12 | Apr. | Apr. | Jan. - Apr. |
| | 1961 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
| Steers - 1001# up | 783 | 750 | 687 | 2,306 | 3,104 | 12,513 |
| 901-1000 | 1,830 | 2,193 | 1,865 | 7,674 | 8,485 | 33,829 |
| 801-900 | 2,523 | 4,028 | 3,115 | 12,139 | 11,811 | 53,662 |
| 701-800 | 4,303 | 4,120 | 4,270 | 17,158 | 17,654 | 64,189 |
| 501-700 | 8,853 | 10,689 | 13,296 | 47,524 | 50,937 | 184,294 |
| Total steers 10 markets .. | 18,292 | 21,780 | 23,233 | 86,801 | 91,991 | 348,487 |
| Av. wt. " " " .. | 722# | 723# | 703# | 704# | 708# | 712# |
| Av. cost* " " " .. | \$22.74 | \$22.85 | \$24.74 | \$24.05 | \$25.30 | \$24.19 |
| " " " Chicago | 22.10 | 22.21 | 25.10 | 23.09 | 24.40 | 23.15 |
| " " " Kansas City .. | 23.45 | 23.38 | 25.61 | 24.38 | 25.46 | 24.24 |
| " " " Omaha | 23.22 | 22.81 | 25.45 | 24.03 | 25.48 | 24.18 |
| " " " S. St. Paul .. | 20.86 | 21.43 | 23.53 | 21.80 | 23.83 | 21.86 |
| " " " Sioux City .. | 23.18 | 24.03 | 26.07 | 25.33 | 26.38 | 25.73 |
| " " " Denver | 22.03 | 22.65 | 25.38 | 24.17 | 25.74 | 24.99 |
| " " " Ft. Worth | 22.17 | 21.67 | 20.85 | 23.18 | 24.18 | 23.36 |
| " " " Oklahoma City | 21.02 | 22.38 | 23.13 | 23.05 | 24.13 | 23.32 |
| " " " S.St. Joseph. | 23.71 | 23.04 | 24.68 | 24.72 | 25.05 | 24.10 |
| " " " St. Louis NSY. | 22.52 | 22.41 | 24.70 | 22.87 | 24.45 | 22.96 |
| Total calves - 10 markets. | 5,299 | 6,908 | 6,198 | 27,960 | 33,808 | 162,609 |
| " heifers " " | 2,824 | 3,546 | 3,316 | 12,861 | 15,838 | 50,401 |
| " cows " " | 653 | 679 | 466 | 2,255 | 1,657 | 11,503 |

*Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

| Week ended | Chi- cago | Kan- sas City | Omaha | St. Joseph | St. Louis NSY | Sioux City | S. Paul | Indian- apolis | Den- ver | Fort Worth | Okla. City | Wich- ita | San Antonio |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| Stockers and feeders | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 12, 1961 | 2 | 37 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 45 | 61 | 44 | 55 |
| May 5, 1961 | 2 | 43 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 19 | 5 | 12 | 9 | 60 | 61 | 47 | 65 |
| May 13, 1960 | 2 | 46 | 16 | 12 | 5 | 18 | 5 | 8 | 15 | 70 | 75 | 42 | 50 |
| Slaughter cows | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 12, 1961 | 5 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 20 | 13 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 14 | 15 |
| May 5, 1961 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 15 | 10 |
| May 13, 1960 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 25 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 8 | 17 | 15 |

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/

| Grade | Number of head | | Percent of total by grades | | Average weight (pounds) | | Average price in dollars per 100 lb. | |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|----------------|
| | Week ended | | | | | | | |
| | May 11 1961 | May 12 1960 | May 11 1961 | May 12 1960 | May 11 1961 | May 12 1960 | May 11 1961 | May 12 1960 |
| CHICAGO | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 2,725 | 1,339 | 8.3 | 4.2 | 1,262 | 1,246 | 25.51 | 31.06 |
| Choice..... | 19,578 | 19,433 | 59.6 | 60.5 | 1,201 | 1,187 | 23.64 | 27.62 |
| Good..... | 8,455 | 10,014 | 25.7 | 31.1 | 1,113 | 1,088 | 22.28 | 25.59 |
| Standard..... | 1,534 | 968 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 1,043 | 1,015 | 20.26 | 22.17 |
| Commercial..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Utility..... | 568 | 393 | 1.7 | 1.2 | 1,030 | 1,024 | 18.81 | 19.61 |
| All grades..... | 32,860 | 32,147 | | | 1,173 | 1,151 | 23.26 | 26.94 |
| OMAHA | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 34 | 137 | .2 | .6 | 1,263 | 1,302 | 24.10 | 28.75 |
| Choice..... | 9,074 | 8,477 | 44.3 | 39.4 | 1,185 | 1,176 | 22.98 | 26.51 |
| Good..... | 9,604 | 11,431 | 46.8 | 53.1 | 1,110 | 1,096 | 21.86 | 24.82 |
| Standard..... | 1,581 | 1,179 | 7.7 | 5.5 | 1,078 | 1,091 | 19.15 | 20.70 |
| Utility..... | 211 | 308 | 1.0 | 1.4 | 1,003 | 1,009 | 17.96 | 18.70 |
| All grades..... | 20,504 | 21,532 | | | 1,140 | 1,128 | 22.15 | 25.24 |
| SIOUX CITY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 24 | 102 | 1.6 | .8 | 1,048 | 1,317 | 24.50 | 28.69 |
| Choice..... | 7,933 | 6,654 | 52.6 | 51.3 | 1,188 | 1,174 | 23.01 | 26.63 |
| Good..... | 5,752 | 5,287 | 38.1 | 40.8 | 1,122 | 1,097 | 21.89 | 25.12 |
| Standard..... | 1,383 | 843 | 9.2 | 6.5 | 1,091 | 1,080 | 19.33 | 20.77 |
| Utility..... | -- | 88 | -- | .7 | -- | 944 | -- | 18.20 |
| All grades..... | 15,092 | 12,974 | | | 1,154 | 1,136 | 22.28 | 25.65 |
| KANSAS CITY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 16 | -- | .2 | -- | 1,150 | -- | 24.42 | -- |
| Choice..... | 4,016 | 2,586 | 42.9 | 48.3 | 1,149 | 1,147 | 23.33 | 27.07 |
| Good..... | 4,306 | 2,154 | 46.1 | 40.3 | 1,072 | 1,053 | 22.07 | 25.33 |
| Standard..... | 1,010 | -- | 10.8 | -- | 1,083 | -- | 19.81 | -- |
| Commercial..... | -- | 583 | -- | 11.0 | -- | 982 | -- | 23.34 |
| Utility..... | 3 | 22 | -- | .4 | 1,000 | 1,057 | 17.93 | 18.75 |
| All grades..... | 9,351 | 5,345 | | | 1,106 | 1,091 | 22.40 | 25.99 |
| ST. LOUIS NSY | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | 6 | -- | .1 | -- | 1,012 | -- | 25.00 | -- |
| Choice..... | 864 | 363 | 10.4 | 5.6 | 1,101 | 1,151 | 23.62 | 27.48 |
| Good..... | 6,059 | 4,527 | 73.2 | 63.0 | 1,020 | 1,050 | 22.55 | 25.42 |
| Standard..... | 1,077 | 1,679 | 13.0 | 23.3 | 997 | 996 | 20.45 | 22.69 |
| Commercial..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Utility..... | 277 | 610 | 3.3 | 8.1 | 878 | 932 | 18.58 | 19.91 |
| All grades..... | 8,283 | 7,179 | | | 1,021 | 1,032 | 22.29 | 24.50 |
| S. ST. JOSEPH | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice..... | 2,770 | 4,871 | 32.6 | 48.1 | 1,145 | 1,140 | 23.02 | 26.76 |
| Good..... | 4,862 | 4,663 | 57.2 | 46.1 | 1,102 | 1,070 | 21.97 | 24.91 |
| Standard..... | 866 | 545 | 10.2 | 5.4 | 1,064 | 1,079 | 18.95 | 20.63 |
| Utility..... | -- | 41 | -- | .4 | -- | 1,015 | -- | 19.14 |
| All grades..... | 8,498 | 10,120 | | | 1,112 | 1,104 | 22.03 | 25.58 |
| DENVER | | | | | | | | |
| Prime..... | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice..... | 3,150 | 3,297 | 78.5 | 69.1 | 1,199 | 1,181 | 22.97 | 26.68 |
| Good..... | 697 | 1,248 | 17.4 | 26.1 | 1,128 | 1,100 | 21.82 | 25.14 |
| Standard..... | 164 | 166 | 4.1 | 3.5 | 1,123 | 1,104 | 18.70 | 20.93 |
| Utility..... | -- | 61 | -- | 1.3 | -- | 940 | -- | 17.75 |
| All grades..... | 4,011 | 4,772 | | | 1,184 | 1,154 | 22.62 | 26.01 |

1/ Data collected by Agricultural Estimates, and Livestock Divisions, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

| City or Area | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 |
| | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 | : 1961 | : 1960 |
| Boston, New York City Area .. | 12,586 | 12,106 | 11,671 | 9,116 | 44,161 | 50,628 | 38,500 | 34,545 |
| Baltimore, Philadelphia | 8,705 | 9,172 | 1,862 | 1,974 | 30,528 | 24,112 | 3,565 | 5,155 |
| Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls | 19,913 | 20,907 | 4,231 | 4,820 | 128,540 | 146,082 | 12,240 | 15,417 |
| Chicago Area | 18,153 | 19,030 | 4,122 | 5,473 | 44,745 | 35,947 | 5,255 | 5,608 |
| St. Paul-Wisc. Areas | 28,441 | 32,135 | 14,379 | 16,223 | 101,342 | 113,397 | 13,568 | 10,008 |
| St. Louis Area | 11,635 | 12,136 | 1,334 | 1,379 | 84,923 | 86,724 | 4,000 | 4,674 |
| Sioux City-So. Dakota Area .. | 26,223 | 22,016 | -- | -- | 92,294 | 89,323 | 11,396 | 10,601 |
| Omaha Area | 40,853 | 38,254 | 98 | 137 | 88,312 | 84,526 | 18,120 | 12,648 |
| Kansas City | 17,474 | 14,143 | -- | -- | 38,340 | 39,396 | -- | -- |
| Iowa - So. Minnesota | 34,300 | 31,424 | 8,600 | 7,441 | 282,500 | 268,450 | 38,700 | 28,154 |
| Lou'l.Fvan'l.Nash'l.Mph's ... | 6,200 | 6,730 | 2,652 | 3,061 | 57,747 | 66,747 | -- | -- |
| Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area . | 9,979 | 8,285 | 4,220 | 3,589 | 31,642 | 36,108 | -- | -- |
| St.Jo'ph. Wichita,Okla.City . | 19,944 | 19,949 | 620 | 1,394 | 48,874 | 46,959 | 11,479 | 11,768 |
| Ft. Worth,Dallas,San Antonio. | 14,899 | 12,450 | 4,489 | 4,556 | 15,542 | 19,264 | 54,326 | 39,800 |
| Denver, Ogden,Salt Lake City. | 26,620 | 21,233 | 233 | 266 | 15,662 | 18,182 | 32,069 | 20,784 |
| Los Angeles, San Fran.Areas . | 29,440 | 24,921 | 1,845 | 1,646 | 30,669 | 27,345 | 37,396 | 34,908 |
| Portland, Seattle, Spokane .. | 8,667 | 7,535 | 265 | 268 | 17,244 | 16,262 | 4,475 | 3,674 |
| Total | 334,032 | | 60,621 | | 1,153,065 | | 285,089 | |
| | | 312,426 | | 61,343 | | 1,169,452 | | 237,744 |
| Accumulation to date..... | 5,728,038 | | 1,214,219 | | 21,271,381 | | 5,080,856 | |
| | | 5,567,329 | | 1,293,245 | | 23,227,345 | | 4,536,034 |

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

| Week ended | Beef | | Veal | | Pork (excl. lard) | | Lamb and mutton | | Total meat prod. | Total lard prod. |
|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|------------------|------------------|
| | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | Number | Prod. | | |
| | 1,000 | mil.lb. | 1,000 | mil.lb. | 1,000 | mil.lb. | 1,000 | mil.lb. | mil.lb. | mil.lb. |
| May 13, 1961 | 405 | 243.4 | 92 | 11.6 | 1,335 | 190.5 | 310 | 14.9 | 460.4 | -- |
| May 6, 1961 | 400 | 240.4 | 92 | 11.2 | 1,315 | 187.6 | 320 | 15.4 | 454.6 | -- |
| Apr.22, 1961 1/..... | 376 | -- | 93 | -- | 1,272 | -- | 299 | -- | -- | 42.8 |
| May 14, 1960 1/..... | 383 | 228.3 | 89 | 10.9 | 1,340 | 188.7 | 263 | 12.8 | 440.7 | 45.0 |

Percentage change from:

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|
| May 6, 1961 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 | -3 | -3 | 1 | -- |
| May 14, 1960 | 6 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 16 | 4 | -- |

| Average weight (lb.) | | | | | | | | | | Lard yield per 100 lb. |
|----------------------|--------|---------|--------|---------|------|---------|--------------------|---------|------|---------------------------------|
| Week ended | Cattle | | Calves | | Hogs | | Sheep and lambs | | | |
| | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | Live | Dressed | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| May 13, 1961 | 1045 | 601 | 225 | 126 | 246 | 143 | 98 | 48 | -- | |
| May 6, 1961 | 1045 | 601 | 220 | 122 | 246 | 143 | 98 | 48 | -- | |
| Apr.22, 1961 | 1045 | 601 | 210 | 118 | 244 | 142 | 100 | 49 | -- | |
| May 14, 1960 | 1034 | 596 | 219 | 122 | 243 | 141 | 100 | 49 | 13.8 | |

1/ Actual slaughter. 2/ Excludes lard.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | Chicago | | Kansas City | | Omaha | | Denver | | North Portland | |
|---|---------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | May | May | May | May | May | May | May | May | May | May |
| | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 | 13 | 14 |
| | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
| <u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime 900-1100# | 25.45 | 30.50 | -- | -- | 24.65 | 29.62 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| 1100-1300 | 25.70 | 31.20 | -- | -- | 24.58 | 29.75 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice 900-1100 | 23.82 | 28.02 | 23.92 | 27.28 | 23.30 | 27.42 | 22.92 | 26.42 | 24.50 | 27.62 |
| 1100-1300 | 23.70 | 28.10 | 23.42 | 27.28 | 23.20 | 27.42 | 22.86 | 26.55 | 23.38 | 27.25 |
| Good 900-1100 | 21.95 | 24.90 | 22.05 | 24.88 | 21.50 | 24.25 | 21.00 | 23.45 | 23.00 | 26.00 |
| Standard - All wts. | 20.08 | 22.00 | 19.58 | 21.75 | 19.30 | 20.75 | 18.90 | 20.10 | 20.75 | 23.25 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 700-900# | 23.38 | 26.78 | 23.40 | 26.68 | 23.20 | 26.78 | 22.95 | 25.95 | 23.88 | 26.62 |
| Good 600-800 | -- | -- | 21.88 | 24.25 | 21.25 | 23.72 | 20.78 | 23.02 | 22.25 | 25.00 |
| Standard - All wts. | 19.50 | 21.40 | 19.25 | 20.75 | 19.10 | 20.22 | 18.62 | 19.25 | 19.75 | 22.50 |
| Cows - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 16.75 | 17.95 | 17.12 | 19.10 | 16.85 | 18.00 | -- | 18.62 | 16.75 | 18.00 |
| Utility | 16.48 | 17.25 | 16.70 | 17.15 | 16.35 | 16.72 | 16.47 | 17.12 | 15.81 | 17.25 |
| Cutter | 16.08 | 16.42 | 16.00 | 15.58 | 15.58 | 15.30 | 15.28 | 15.38 | 14.25 | 14.50 |
| Canner | 14.50 | 14.70 | 15.00 | 13.80 | 14.62 | 14.25 | 14.12 | 14.25 | 13.00 | 12.50 |
| Bulls - All weights - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Commercial | 19.25 | 21.05 | 18.00 | 19.25 | 18.50 | 18.65 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Utility | 19.75 | 20.40 | 18.25 | 19.50 | 18.50 | 18.48 | 19.05 | 19.25 | 20.25 | 22.00 |
| Calves - 500# down - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | -- | -- | 23.25 | 25.90 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 29.00 |
| Good | -- | -- | 21.25 | 23.80 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 26.50 |
| Standard | -- | -- | 18.75 | 21.15 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | 24.00 |
| Vealers - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 29.50 | 31.50 | 27.50 | 27.80 | 27.50 | 26.00 | -- | -- | 31.59 | 31.00 |
| Good | 27.00 | 29.00 | 24.00 | 25.30 | 24.75 | 23.75 | -- | -- | 29.50 | 29.00 |
| Standard | 22.00 | 23.50 | 20.00 | 21.90 | 21.50 | 21.00 | -- | -- | 25.50 | 25.50 |
| <u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-800# | 26.50 | 28.75 | 26.28 | 28.40 | 26.50 | 28.25 | 26.58 | 27.50 | -- | 26.50 |
| Good 500-800 | 24.10 | 25.75 | 24.05 | 25.00 | 24.00 | 24.80 | 24.00 | 25.00 | -- | 24.25 |
| Medium 500-1000 | 20.75 | 22.75 | 21.00 | 21.55 | 20.50 | 21.25 | 20.95 | 21.50 | -- | 21.00 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice 500-750# | -- | -- | 24.00 | 25.40 | 24.00 | 25.50 | 24.70 | 25.75 | -- | 25.25 |
| Med. & Gd. 500-750 | -- | -- | 20.75 | 21.95 | 20.25 | 22.00 | 21.60 | 22.25 | -- | 21.00 |
| Cows - All wts. - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Med. & Gd. | -- | -- | 16.75 | 17.50 | 16.25 | 15.00 | 16.00 | -- | -- | 16.25 |
| Calves - 300-500# - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Steers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | -- | -- | 28.50 | 29.90 | 29.00 | 30.50 | 30.25 | 29.50 | -- | 28.25 |
| Heifers - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Good & Choice | -- | -- | 25.50 | 26.30 | 26.00 | 26.75 | 27.88 | 28.00 | -- | 26.25 |

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES 1/

| | | St. | Louis | Kansas | Omaha | Sioux | S. | S. | Indian | Eight |
|-------------------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Week ended | | Chicago | Natl. | City | City | City | St. | St. | apolis | mkts. |
| | | Stock | City | City | City | City | Joseph | Paul | apolis | com- |
| | | Yards | | | | | | | | bin- |
| AVERAGE COST - | | Dollars per 100 pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 13, 1961 | 16.50 | 16.55 | 16.12 | 16.28 | 15.96 | 16.06 | 16.24 | 16.84 | 16.32 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 16.72 | 16.51 | 16.17 | 16.34 | 16.18 | 16.18 | 16.36 | 17.05 | 16.42 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 15.79 | 16.01 | 15.85 | 15.97 | 15.89 | 16.03 | 16.08 | 16.18 | 15.98 |
| Sows | May 13, 1961 | 14.10 | 14.41 | 14.45 | 14.54 | 14.27 | 14.47 | 14.47 | 14.45 | 14.40 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 14.42 | 14.74 | 14.77 | 14.93 | 14.76 | 14.80 | 14.67 | 14.76 | 14.74 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 12.87 | 13.45 | 13.21 | 13.45 | 13.29 | 13.43 | 13.31 | 12.99 | 13.25 |
| AVERAGE WEIGHT - | | Pounds | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 13, 1961 | 239 | 226 | 241 | 243 | 247 | 239 | 240 | 232 | 238 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 238 | 230 | 242 | 244 | 247 | 242 | 242 | 233 | 240 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 234 | 223 | 232 | 242 | 245 | 231 | 242 | 230 | 234 |
| Sows | May 13, 1961 | 449 | 432 | 445 | 421 | 420 | 411 | 410 | 462 | 428 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 445 | 411 | 441 | 423 | 431 | 421 | 411 | 459 | 427 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 454 | 408 | 429 | 419 | 432 | 396 | 411 | 449 | 425 |
| NUMBER OF HEAD - | | | | | | | | | | |
| Barrows and gilts | May 13, 1961 | 33615 | 54334 | 19784 | 41327 | 39592 | 32289 | 28925 | 25249 | 275115 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 31179 | 48458 | 19536 | 40124 | 40104 | 29061 | 28568 | 21747 | 258777 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 31784 | 58431 | 17078 | 38093 | 34391 | 25549 | 29872 | 26286 | 261484 |
| Sows | May 13, 1961 | 3296 | 3648 | 1306 | 6173 | 4693 | 2212 | 5398 | 3070 | 29796 |
| | May 6, 1961 | 2840 | 4107 | 1090 | 5571 | 3904 | 2124 | 4786 | 2580 | 27002 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 3610 | 4271 | 1131 | 4710 | 2920 | 1706 | 4594 | 3475 | 26417 |
| SOWS - | | Percentage of total | | | | | | | | |
| May 13, 1961 | | 9 | 6 | 6 | 13 | 11 | 6 | 16 | 11 | 10 |
| May 6, 1961 | | 8 | 8 | 5 | 12 | 9 | 7 | 14 | 11 | 9 |
| May 14, 1960 | | 10 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 6 | 13 | 12 | 9 |

1/ Weighted average.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG, COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

| Week ended | Hog products 1/ | Hog prices 2/ | Gross spread or margin 3/ |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| May 13, 1961 | \$19.17 | \$17.31 | \$1.86 |
| May 6, 1961 | 18.88 | 17.55 | 1.33 |
| May 14, 1960 | 18.53 | 16.41 | 2.12 |

1/ Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

2/ Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

3/ Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

| Week ended | Barrows and gilts 1/ | Corn 2/ | Hog-corn price ratio |
|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Dollars per 100 pounds | No. 3 yellow Cents per bushel | based on barrows and gilts |
| May 13, 1961 | 16.50 | 112.3 | 14.7 |
| May 6, 1961 | 16.72 | 112.3 | 14.9 |
| May 14, 1960 | 15.79 | 119.4 | 13.2 |

1/ Weighted average. 2/ Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | | Chicago | Omaha | Kansas City | Fort Worth | Denver | Ogden | North Port- land |
|--|--------------|---------|-------|----------------|---------------|--------|-------|------------------------|
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts. | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | May 13, 1961 | 19.62 | 17.68 | 18.50 | -- | 18.62 | -- | 17.97 |
| | May 14, 1960 | -- | 24.62 | 25.05 | 23.40 | 24.75 | 23.75 | -- |
| Choice | May 13, 1961 | 18.94 | 17.08 | 17.75 | 17.40 | 17.70 | -- | 17.78 |
| | May 14, 1960 | -- | 23.62 | 24.38 | 22.75 | 23.50 | 23.00 | 22.62 |
| Good | May 13, 1961 | 17.94 | -- | 16.50 | 16.00 | -- | -- | 17.00 |
| | May 14, 1960 | -- | -- | 23.10 | 22.00 | -- | 22.00 | 21.88 |
| SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | May 13, 1961 | -- | -- | 15.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | May 14, 1960 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | May 13, 1961 | 15.25 | 14.30 | 14.00 | 12.15 | 14.82 | -- | 14.31 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 20.35 | 20.50 | 20.25 | 18.85 | 20.58 | -- | 18.35 |
| Good | May 13, 1961 | 14.28 | 13.25 | 13.00 | 10.75 | 13.80 | -- | 13.50 |
| | May 14, 1960 | 19.12 | 19.38 | 18.75 | 18.20 | 19.60 | -- | 17.59 |
| EWES: (Shorn) - All wts. | | | | | | | | |
| Good & | May 13, 1961 | 5.25 | 5.20 | 4.22 | -- | 5.60 | -- | 5.50 |
| Choice | May 14, 1960 | 5.85* | 5.82 | 4.50 | -- | 6.28 | 5.75 | 5.25 |
| Cull & | May 13, 1961 | 5.02 | 4.10 | 3.00 | 4.50 | 4.05 | -- | 3.50 |
| Utility | May 14, 1960 | 4.60* | 4.32 | 3.50 | 5.70 | 4.80 | 3.50 | 3.50 |
| FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts. | | | | | | | | |
| Good & | May 13, 1961 | -- | 14.00 | -- | 11.50 | 13.75 | -- | -- |
| Choice | May 14, 1960 | -- | 21.00 | -- | 17.85 | -- | -- | 15.25 |

*Woolled basis.

**LIVESTOCK PRICES AT CHICAGO COMPARED WITH WHOLESALE AND COMPOSITE RETAIL
MEAT PRICES AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL MEAT VALUES AT NEW YORK**

| | Steers | | Lambs | | Hogs | | |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Apr. : 1961 | Mar. : 1961 | Apr. : 1960 | Apr. : 1961 | Mar. : 1961 | Apr. : 1960 | Apr. : 1961 |
| Live animal prices | | | | | | | |
| <u>Dollars per 100 pounds</u> | | | | | | | |
| Chicago 1/ | 26.12 | 26.67 | 29.29 | 17.32 | 17.83 | 22.22 | 17.44 |
| Wholesale meat | | | | | | | |
| prices, New York 2/... | 43.81 | 44.28 | 47.04* | 38.42 | 38.50 | 47.49 | -- |
| <u>Cents per pound</u> | | | | | | | |
| Composite retail meat | | | | | | | |
| prices, New York 3/... | 75.26 | 78.15 | 79.58 | 59.91 | 63.26 | 68.29 | -- |
| <u>Value of carcass meat from 100# live animal (Dollars)</u> | | | | | | | |
| Wholesale-New York 4/ .. | 26.29 | 26.57 | 28.22 | 18.83 | 18.86 | 23.27 | 21.63 |
| Retail-New York 5/ | 35.37 | 36.73 | 37.40 | 28.28 | 29.86 | 32.23 | 28.28 |

1/ Av. Choice and Prime steers, 900-1100 lb., Choice and Prime lambs, and U. S. No. 1, 2 and 3, 220-240# hogs.

2/ Av. Choice and Prime steer beef, 600-800 lb., and Choice and Prime lamb.

3/ Composite av. of semi-monthly retail quotations on various cuts (incl. lard) combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight.

4/ 60 lb. of beef carcass, 49 lb. of lamb carcass and 60.43 lb. of principal hog products consisting of smoked, skinned hams, bacon, picnics, fresh loins, Boston butts, spareribs, and carton lard combined in proportion to their respective yields from live weight.

5/ 47.0 lb. of beef cuts, 47.2 lb. of lamb cuts and 58.56 lb. of principal hog products, incl. lard. *Choice only.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Prices for steer carcasses were weak to \$2.00 lower, larger portion 50¢-\$1.00 off and the major decline recorded at Philadelphia; veal weak to \$2.00 lower, bulk \$1.00 off; calf fully \$1.00 lower. Lamb prices uneven as the trend at New York was steady to \$2.00 higher, bulk \$1.00 advanced; Washington steady to \$1.00 higher, Philadelphia \$1.00 off, Baltimore weak to \$3.00 lower; pork loins steady to \$1.50 higher, the upturns at New York and Washington; Boston butts mainly steady to \$1.00 lower; spareribs largely steady to \$1.00 higher; fresh skinned hams \$1.00-2.00 higher.

Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters sold weak to mostly 50¢ off; veal and calf fully \$1.00 lower; lamb weak to \$1.00 off.

Supplies of steer beef were increased with receipts fully normal and in instances above normal at New York; lamb generally normal; cow beef rather small; veal, calf and pork largely moderate. Steer beef at Washington sold fairly active, however, outlet was generally poor and trading slow at other markets except at New York where buyers were aggressive for most steer carcasses and cuts on Friday and clearances rather broad. Rather slow trading prevailed for cow beef. Veal and calf moved very slow, particularly hindsaddles. Demand was generally good for lamb, but poor at Baltimore. At New York volume buyers were active for lamb 45-55#, as well as hindsaddles and legs. Small lots of lamb fore-saddles accumulated and went unsold. Retailers competed for pork loins and other pork cuts and trading was fairly brisk with clearances generally broad at all centers. Small supplies of veal hindsaddles were carried over at New York and Washington.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold fully 50¢ lower for the week. Good veal closed \$1.00 higher, other grades steady; lamb 50¢ higher; pork loins \$2.00-2.50 higher; Boston butts 4-8# steady; spareribs 50¢-\$1.00 higher.

Veal supply small while volume of other classes of fresh meat was mostly normal. Beef for the most part graded Good and Choice, slight increase noted in Prime. Old crop lamb ran mainly to weights over 50#, spring lamb supply small.

Beef trading was slow with prices working lower for the sixth consecutive week. Beef rounds moved well, however, other primal cuts were on the draggy side except chucks picking up late for delivery into next week. A moderate demand and reduced supplies pushed Good and boning type veal higher, other grades holding steady. Carcass lamb trade generally was slow but prices advanced on the strength of higher replacement costs. Lamb fore-end cuts were in better demand than hindsaddles. Spareribs were absorbed readily, pork

loins and Boston butts also clearing well till late when movement slowed.

PACIFIC COAST - Steer beef sold steady to 50¢ lower; cow steady to \$1.00 lower, the least change in Los Angeles; calf and veal firm to \$2.00 higher in San Francisco, but steady elsewhere; spring lamb steady in California but \$1.50-2.00 lower in the Northwest; fresh pork steady to \$3.00 higher in California, most upturn in Los Angeles on loins, but was steady to \$1.00 lower in the Northwest; smoked pork steady to \$1.00 lower, except mostly \$1.00-2.00 lower in San Francisco.

Beef, pork and lamb continued in abundant supply other than moderate to small offerings of high-Good and Choice steer in Los Angeles. Demand was fairly good but trading usually slow. Supply veal and calf moderate to small, except calf over 250# liberal in Los Angeles, demand moderate, trading slow.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower for the week; heifer beef 25-75¢ lower, mostly 50¢ off; cow beef 50¢-\$1.00 lower; lamb mostly \$2.00 higher; pork loins \$1.00-1.50 higher; fresh hams 50¢-\$1.50 higher most advance on 12-14# averages; butts steady to 50¢ lower; pork carcasses steady to 40¢ lower, mostly 25-40¢ off.

Beef supplies were normal, pork slightly above normal and lamb exceeded normal volume. Demand on beef was generally poor but moderately good on other classes.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses \$36.25-37.00, few \$37.50, 700-800# \$35.75-36.50; Good 35.00-36.00, high-Good \$36.00-36.50, Good 700-800# \$34.50-35.50. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$35.50-36.50, few \$36.75, Good \$34.00-35.00. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef \$29.00-31.00.

Choice including some Prime 45-55# old crop lamb \$32.00-34.25, 35-45# \$33.75-36.25. Choice and Prime 35-55# spring lamb \$37.00-41.50.

Pork: Pork loins 8-12# \$40.00-41.00; fresh hams 12-14# \$39.00-40.00, 14-16# \$36.00-38.00; butts 4-8# \$30.50-31.50. U.S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$23.25-24.70, mostly \$23.25-24.25, 155-175# \$23.10-23.70.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.50 lower; heifer beef steady to 75¢ lower; cow beef 25¢-\$1.00 off. Old crop and spring lamb carcasses advanced \$1.00-2.50; pork loins sold \$1.00 higher at Chicago and \$3.00 up at Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

| Classification | | New York | | Chicago | | San Francisco | | Los Angeles | |
|---|----------|----------|--------|---------|--------|---------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 | May 13 | May 14 |
| | | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 |
| Steer beef - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 700-800# | 44.35 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | 600-700 | 42.55 | 47.50 | 39.75 | 45.93 | 39.88 | 46.00 | 39.19 | 45.00 |
| | 700-800 | 41.05 | 46.50 | 39.00 | 44.50 | 37.88 | 44.50 | 37.69 | 43.50 |
| Good | 500-600 | 39.90 | 44.25 | 38.25 | 43.25 | 39.62 | 44.25 | 38.75 | 43.00 |
| | 600-700 | 40.05 | 44.50 | 38.25 | 43.25 | 38.00 | 43.25 | 38.00 | 41.50 |
| Heifer beef - | | | | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-600# | -- | -- | 39.00 | 45.00 | 38.88 | 44.50 | 38.94 | 44.75 |
| | 600-700 | -- | -- | 39.00 | 45.00 | -- | 43.00 | 37.69 | 43.50 |
| Good | 500-600 | -- | -- | 37.50 | 41.88 | -- | -- | 38.00 | 42.50 |
| Veal - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 90-120# | 59.20 | 60.00 | 59.00 | 56.00 | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| Choice | 90-120 | 49.20 | 51.50 | 52.00 | 50.88 | 54.00 | -- | -- | -- |
| Good | 90-120 | 45.50 | 47.50 | 48.88 | 48.00 | 50.50 | 54.00 | -- | -- |
| Spring lamb - | | | | | | | | | |
| Prime | 45-55# | 40.10 | 52.00 | 35.31* | 45.75* | 37.00 | 45.50 | 38.00 | 46.00 |
| Choice | 45-55 | 40.10 | 51.00 | 35.31* | 45.75* | 37.00 | 45.50 | 38.00 | 46.00 |
| Fresh pork - | | | | | | | | | |
| Loins | 8-12# | 46.30 | 45.00 | 43.19 | 42.00 | 46.62 | 46.00 | 46.00 | 43.00 |
| Butts | 4-8 | 36.00 | 33.50 | 33.75 | 30.68 | 41.00 | 39.00 | 38.50 | 35.50 |
| Spareribs | 3# down | 42.50 | 41.00 | 38.00 | 37.81 | 47.75 | 47.00 | 42.00 | 43.50 |
| Cured pork - | | | | | | | | | |
| Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16# | | 45.00 | 48.50 | 45.50 | 52.00 | 44.75 | 50.50 | 43.50 | 48.75 |
| Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots) | | 49.00 | 44.50 | 53.25 | 53.50 | 54.75 | 51.00 | 52.00 | 50.50 |
| Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8# | | 34.75 | 30.50 | 35.50 | 34.00 | 35.00 | 32.00 | 34.00 | 32.00 |
| Lard, 1# carton | | 16.50 | 13.50 | 15.62 | 13.00 | 18.00 | 17.00 | 17.12 | 14.75 |

*Old crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED MAY 12, 1961

| Classification | | Prices paid F.O.B. | | | Prices delivered | |
|---------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | Chicago | Denver | Omaha | New York | Philadelphia |
| Steer beef - | | | | | | |
| Choice | 600-700# | 37.50-38.00 | 36.00-36.50 | 36.25-36.50 | 38.50-40.00 | 38.50-39.50 |
| | 700-800 | 37.00-37.50 | 35.50-36.00 | 35.75-36.25 | 38.00-39.00 | 37.50-38.50 |
| | 800-900 | 36.00-36.25 | 34.50-35.00 | 35.25-35.50 | 37.50-38.50 | 37.00-37.50 |
| Good | 500-600 | 35.50-36.50 | -- | -- | 37.00-38.50 | -- |
| | 600-700 | 35.50-36.50 | 33.00-36.20 | 35.00-36.00 | 36.50-39.00 | 37.00-38.00 |
| | 700-800 | 35.00-36.00 | 33.00-35.50 | 34.25-35.25 | 36.50-38.50 | 36.00-36.50 |
| Heifer beef - | | | | | | |
| Choice | 500-600# | 36.75-37.00 | 37.00-38.00 | 36.00-36.25 | -- | -- |
| | 600-700 | 36.75-37.00 | 35.50-36.70 | 36.00-36.25 | -- | 38.00-39.00 |
| Good | 500-600 | 35.00-35.50 | 35.50 | 34.00-34.50 | -- | -- |
| | 600-700 | 35.00-35.50 | 33.00-34.00 | 34.00-34.50 | -- | -- |
| Cow beef - All weights - | | | | | | |
| Utility | | 29.50-31.00 | 29.00-31.00 | 29.50-30.00 | -- | 31.50-32.00 |
| Canner and Cutter | | 30.50-31.50 | -- | 30.00-30.50 | -- | 31.50-32.00 |
| Lamb - | | | | | | |
| Prime | 35-45# | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| | 45-55 | -- | -- | -- | 34.50-37.00 | 34.00-35.00 |
| | 55-65 | -- | -- | -- | 31.00-33.00 | 30.00-32.00 |
| Choice | 35-45 | 37.00 | 35.00-35.50 | -- | -- | -- |
| | 45-55 | 33.00-35.00 | 31.50-33.50 | 32.25-34.25 | 34.50-37.00 | 34.00-35.00 |
| | 55-65 | 30.00-31.00 | 27.50-30.50 | 29.75-30.25 | 31.00-33.00 | 30.00-32.00 |
| Fresh pork - | | | | | | |
| Loins | 8-12# | 41.00-42.00 | -- | 40.50-41.00 | -- | 43.50-44.00 |

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading in the Boston wool market was rather slow with prices about steady. Practically all grades of greasy domestic combing wools were sold. A modest weight of scoured pulled wools sold steady. Interest continued in noils at slightly easier prices. Trading was limited in scoured shorn wools for the woolen trade.

Buyers continued active in the territory States with a fairly substantial volume of greasy combing wools sold while practically all eight months wools offered at the Del Rio sale were sold and a modest volume of 12 months wool sold in other sections of Texas. Demand continued broad for medium grade fleeces in the midwest.

Cabled reports from Australia showed Japan and Eastern Europe dominating with quotations declining. Similar conditions prevailed in South Africa with Japan, United Kingdom and the Continent operating. There was a good demand for coarse Argentine wools and prices advanced while Montevideo quotations remained unchanged. There were no auctions in New Zealand this week.

The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture announced the average price received by farmers for wool on Apr. 15, 1961 was 41.1¢ per grease pound. This compared to 40.2¢ for Mar. 15, 1961 and 44.5¢ on Apr. 15, 1960.

Fleece Wools - Graded 60/62s average to good French combing fleeces sold at \$1.05 clean basis while 56/58s staple and good French combing wool brought \$1.03 and 50/54s staple moved at \$1.00 clean. Graded 50/54s baby combing wools sold at 97¢. A pool of bulk medium clear fleece wools sold in Alabama at 54.55¢ in the grease, f.o.b. Country buyers were paying 43¢-47¢ grease basis to the growers for medium grade wools.

Territory Wools - Graded territory 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.20 clean basis while graded 56/58s good French combing and staple moved around \$1.06 and 50/54s staple wool brought \$1.02-1.04, clean. A substantial volume of wool sold at Albuquerque, New Mexico at estimated clean prices ranging from \$1.20-1.25 while wools sold at Roswell ranging from \$1.25-1.33 clean basis, delivered East. Grease prices ranged from 38¢-58¢ f.o.b.

RANGE SALES FOLLOW: Valley Oregon 12 months 43¢ and lambs wool at 38¢ to the growers. The Klamath, Oregon pool of approximately 190,000 pounds sold at 45.79¢. The Primeville pool, bulk 3/8s and 1/4 blood, 30 percent fine and half at 46.53¢. The Baker pool, bulk medium wools brought 48.67¢. Fine and half-blood Eastern Oregon range wool at 42.5¢ and mixed clips in original bags at 45¢ f.o.b. Washington range wools of mixed grades were selling from 39¢-42.5¢ f.o.b. 60,000 pounds of California ewes and yearling wool sold at 50.53¢ and about 85,000 pounds of bulk 3/8s Utah wool sold at

43.5¢-44.3¢ f.o.b. At Dillon, Montana, bulk fine and half-blood original bag wools brought 42.0¢-47¢, at Pendroy 40.0¢, at Bridger 41.0¢, at Miles City 41.5¢, Conrad-Cutbank 39.0¢, Sweetgrass 38.5¢. In the Big Horn Basin of Wyoming bulk fine and half-blood wools moved at 36.5¢-44.18¢ while 41.75¢ was paid in the Lander area.

Texas Wools - A fair weight of 12 months good French combing and staple wool sold in Texas around \$1.25 clean basis, delivered, while at the Del Rio sale 8 months wools were estimated to cost clean from \$1.08-1.15 delivered.

Mohair - The mohair market was very slow. Occasional small lots of straight adult hair sold at 95¢ to the warehouse.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools was dull. There were occasional sales of short scouring type wools for shipment out of South Africa to the United States. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

NEW ZEALAND, OIL-COMBED - No auctions.

Australia Oil-combed

| | | | |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 61 - | \$1.26 | 422 - | \$1.18 |
| 62 - | 1.23 | 423 - | 1.12 |
| 62A - | 1.22 | 424 - | 1.05 |
| 63 - | 1.18 | 425 - | .97 |
| 64 - | 1.16 | | |

South Africa

Oil-combed Scoured yields

| | | | | | | | |
|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| 7 - | \$1.15 | 47 - | \$1.12 | 22 - | \$1.10 | 32 - | \$1.03 |
| 8 - | 1.13 | 48 - | 1.11 | 23 - | 1.09 | 33 - | 1.01 |
| 12 - | 1.11 | 52 - | 1.11 | 27 - | 1.06 | 37 - | .99 |
| 17 - | 1.10 | 53 - | 1.09 | 28 - | 1.03 | 38 - | .97 |

MONTEVIDEO SUPER SKIRTED WOOLS: 64s - \$1.03, 60/64s - \$1.00, 60s - 97¢, 60/58s - 95½¢, 58/56s - 93¢, 56/50s - 91¢, 50s - 90¢.

Carpet Wools - Trade in spot carpet wools remained dull. A dark colored Near Eastern spot carpet wool sold at 45¢. Greasy B. A. November second clip wools were offered for shipment at 73¢-79¢, March at 73¢ and fleeces from 80¢-82¢. Greasy New Zealand early shorn and second shear wools were offered at 74¢ and carpet fleeces at 79¢-80¢. All foregoing on clean wool fibers present basis.

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 11, 1961
(Furnished by the Wool Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange)

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| May wool tops - | \$1.585 |
| July wool tops - | 1.575 |
| 64s grade - 2.55" minimum length | |
| May wool - | \$1.137 |
| July wool - | 1.167 |
| 64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length | |

Federally inspected slaughter in the United States, by months, 1955-60

CATTLE

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan.-Dec. |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. |
| 1955 | 1,521 | 1,313 | 1,524 | 1,452 | 1,560 | 1,641 | 1,524 | 1,797 | 1,752 | 1,693 | 1,662 | 1,617 | 19,055 |
| 1956 | 1,697 | 1,494 | 1,566 | 1,545 | 1,646 | 1,679 | 1,728 | 1,774 | 1,617 | 1,959 | 1,907 | 1,696 | 20,196 |
| 1957 | 1,851 | 1,499 | 1,514 | 1,499 | 1,665 | 1,535 | 1,759 | 1,726 | 1,627 | 1,801 | 1,515 | 1,473 | 19,454 |
| 1958 | 1,630 | 1,309 | 1,360 | 1,393 | 1,468 | 1,506 | 1,561 | 1,479 | 1,561 | 1,647 | 1,302 | 1,437 | 17,642 |
| 1959 | 1,441 | 1,219 | 1,334 | 1,433 | 1,412 | 1,473 | 1,557 | 1,450 | 1,539 | 1,596 | 1,462 | 1,552 | 17,459 |
| 1960 | 1,564 | 1,437 | 1,577 | 1,412 | 1,606 | 1,692 | 1,592 | 1,797 | 1,792 | 1,746 | 1,625 | 1,576 | 19,394 |
| 1961 | 1,632 | 1,435 | 1,627 | | | | | | | | | | |

CALVES

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan.-Dec. |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. |
| 1955 | 563 | 517 | 660 | 596 | 588 | 610 | 550 | 646 | 710 | 728 | 700 | 633 | 7,499 |
| 1956 | 602 | 596 | 647 | 604 | 606 | 596 | 610 | 691 | 661 | 872 | 763 | 605 | 7,943 |
| 1957 | 657 | 550 | 632 | 613 | 590 | 535 | 596 | 615 | 639 | 742 | 598 | 569 | 7,324 |
| 1958 | 547 | 468 | 518 | 485 | 438 | 430 | 435 | 424 | 471 | 541 | 441 | 474 | 5,672 |
| 1959 | 424 | 377 | 423 | 406 | 359 | 366 | 382 | 359 | 415 | 471 | 438 | 456 | 4,875 |
| 1960 | 413 | 389 | 482 | 394 | 378 | 397 | 374 | 450 | 514 | 516 | 502 | 451 | 5,259 |
| 1961 | 427 | 385 | 457 | | | | | | | | | | |

HOGS

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan.-Dec. |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. |
| 1955 | 5,519 | 4,639 | 5,491 | 4,472 | 4,164 | 3,713 | 3,428 | 4,475 | 5,144 | 6,144 | 6,857 | 7,324 | 61,370 |
| 1956 | 6,705 | 5,922 | 6,327 | 5,252 | 4,875 | 4,326 | 4,199 | 4,559 | 4,979 | 6,347 | 6,559 | 5,698 | 65,748 |
| 1957 | 5,655 | 4,985 | 5,380 | 5,000 | 4,884 | 3,994 | 4,185 | 4,418 | 5,060 | 6,094 | 5,505 | 5,523 | 60,692 |
| 1958 | 5,531 | 4,453 | 4,818 | 4,963 | 4,444 | 4,209 | 4,326 | 4,515 | 5,219 | 5,911 | 5,258 | 5,814 | 59,462 |
| 1959 | 5,885 | 5,696 | 5,733 | 5,652 | 4,970 | 4,902 | 5,184 | 4,977 | 5,767 | 6,646 | 6,337 | 6,968 | 68,707 |
| 1960 | 6,516 | 5,841 | 6,116 | 5,571 | 5,483 | 5,086 | 4,304 | 5,203 | 5,165 | 5,407 | 5,707 | 5,753 | 66,153 |
| 1961 | 5,744 | 5,078 | 6,110 | | | | | | | | | | |

SHEEP AND LAMBS

| Year | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. | Apr. | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | Jan.-Dec. |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. | Thous. |
| 1955 | 1,223 | 1,080 | 1,244 | 1,180 | 1,228 | 1,205 | 1,076 | 1,239 | 1,344 | 1,248 | 1,162 | 1,155 | 14,393 |
| 1956 | 1,329 | 1,163 | 1,216 | 1,129 | 1,063 | 1,084 | 1,168 | 1,268 | 1,167 | 1,439 | 1,139 | 1,062 | 14,228 |
| 1957 | 1,333 | 1,091 | 1,011 | 1,061 | 1,133 | 1,044 | 1,200 | 1,111 | 1,104 | 1,210 | 958 | 978 | 13,234 |
| 1958 | 1,061 | 940 | 1,000 | 1,149 | 1,122 | 1,042 | 1,013 | 950 | 1,045 | 1,131 | 883 | 1,061 | 12,397 |
| 1959 | 1,322 | 1,080 | 1,143 | 1,101 | 1,017 | 1,056 | 1,107 | 1,010 | 1,177 | 1,200 | 1,070 | 1,132 | 13,466 |
| 1960 | 1,237 | 1,076 | 1,088 | 1,054 | 1,110 | 1,137 | 1,113 | 1,240 | 1,323 | 1,353 | 1,192 | 1,114 | 14,036 |
| 1961 | 1,300 | 1,117 | 1,311 | | | | | | | | | | |

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER, MEAT, AND LARD PRODUCTION, 1960

Red meat production in 1960 totaled 28.2 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 1959, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Beef production in 1960 was 14.7 billion pounds--up 8 percent from the 1959 production of 13.6 billion pounds. Veal production totaled 1.1 billion pounds--10 percent above the 1959 production of 1.0 billion pounds. Lamb and mutton production totaled 0.8 billion pounds--up 4 percent from the previous year. Pork production totaled 11.6 billion pounds--down 3 percent from the 12.0 billion pounds produced in 1959. Beef accounted for 52 percent of the total red meat production in 1960, while pork made up 41 percent. Veal accounted for about 4 percent and lamb and mutton 3 percent. Lard production totaled 2.6 billion pounds in 1960 compared with 2.8 billion pounds in 1959.

The number of cattle slaughtered in 1960 was 10 percent above 1959. Cattle slaughtered under Federal inspection was up 11 percent from a year earlier, other commercial slaughter increased 7 percent, and farm slaughter increased 1 percent. Calf slaughter in 1960 was up 7 percent. Slaughter of calves under Federal inspection was up 8 percent, while other commercial slaughter was up 6 percent, but farm slaughter was down 1 percent. The total number of sheep and lambs slaughtered in 1960 increased 5 percent from a year earlier. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered under Federal inspection was up 4 percent, and other commercial slaughter was up 9 percent, while farm slaughter decreased 2 percent from one year earlier. Total number of hogs slaughtered in 1960 was 4 percent less than in 1959. Slaughter in Federally inspected plants decreased 4 percent, other commercial slaughter was approximately the same as the previous year, and farm slaughter decreased 11 percent.

Slaughter cattle averaged 9 pounds lighter than a year earlier, calves averaged 8 pounds heavier, but hogs averaged 1 pound lighter, and sheep and lambs were unchanged from 1959.

Slaughter in Federally inspected plants and other commercial plants is included in the monthly estimates. Farm slaughter estimates are on a quarterly basis only. The farm slaughter estimates have been revised for the years 1955-59. The number of livestock slaughtered under Federal inspection is obtained from the Meat Inspection Division, Agricultural Research Service.

Livestock slaughter, United States, annual, 1959-60

| Class of slaughter | 1959 | | | | | 1960 | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | Head | Average live weight | Total live weight | Average dressed weight | Total dressed weight | Head | Average live weight | Total live weight | Average dressed weight | Total dressed weight |
| | 1,000 head | Pounds | Million pounds | Pounds | Million pounds | 1,000 head | Pounds | Million pounds | Pounds | Million pounds |
| CATTLE | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fed. inspection | 17,458.5 | 1,045 | 18,238 | 601 | 10,462 | 19,393.9 | 1,032 | 20,015 | 592 | 11,442 |
| Other commercial | 5,472.0 | 917 | 5,018 | 507 | 2,771 | 5,830.4 | 912 | 5,316 | 503 | 2,932 |
| Farm | 792.0 | 843 | 668 | 438 | 347 | 797.0 | 847 | 675 | 441 | 351 |
| Total | 23,722.5 | 1,008 | 23,924 | 572 | 13,580 | 26,021.3 | 999 | 26,006 | 566 | 14,725 |
| CALVES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fed. inspection | 4,875.3 | 208 | 1,013 | 119 | 575 | 5,259.5 | 210 | 1,105 | 119 | 623 |
| Other commercial | 2,807.9 | 225 | 630 | 126 | 354 | 2,965.4 | 243 | 720 | 136 | 402 |
| Farm | 389.0 | 357 | 139 | 204 | 79 | 386.0 | 376 | 145 | 214 | 83 |
| Total | 8,072.2 | 221 | 1,782 | 125 | 1,008 | 8,610.9 | 229 | 1,970 | 129 | 1,108 |
| HOGS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fed. inspection | 68,707.5 | 239 | 16,453 | 137 | 9,432 | 66,153.2 | 239 | 15,795 | 139 | 9,149 |
| Other commercial | 12,874.4 | 222 | 2,857 | 132 | 1,699 | 12,883.1 | 222 | 2,863 | 133 | 1,714 |
| Farm | 6,024.0 | 243 | 1,463 | 143 | 862 | 5,339.0 | 243 | 1,296 | 144 | 767 |
| Total | 87,605.9 | 237 | 20,773 | 137 | 11,993 | 84,375.3 | 236 | 19,954 | 138 | 11,630 |
| SHEEP AND LAMBS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fed. inspection | 13,465.7 | 99 | 1,333 | 48 | 645 | 14,036.1 | 99 | 1,388 | 48 | 667 |
| Other commercial | 1,714.2 | 96 | 163 | 46 | 79 | 1,863.3 | 96 | 179 | 46 | 87 |
| Farm | 348.0 | 88 | 31 | 41 | 14 | 340.0 | 88 | 30 | 41 | 14 |
| Total | 15,527.9 | 98 | 1,527 | 48 | 738 | 16,239.4 | 98 | 1,597 | 47 | 768 |

UNITED STATES LARD PRODUCTION, 1959-60

| Class | 1959 | | 1960 | |
|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| | Lard per 100# live weight | Lard 2/3 production | Lard per 100# live weight | Lard 2/3 production |
| | Pounds | Million pounds | Pounds | Million pounds |
| Fed. inspection | 14.0 | 2,309 | 13.5 | 2,127 |
| Other commercial | 10.5 | 300 | 10.2 | 292 |
| Farm | 11.7 | 171 | 11.5 | 149 |
| Total | 13.4 | 2,780 | 12.9 | 2,568 |

1/ Excludes animals condemned under Federal inspection. 2/ Includes rendered pork fat.

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, APR. 30, 1961

Stocks of red meats were 53 million pounds larger on May 1 than on April 1 because of significant gains in stocks of beef, pork, lamb and mutton, and canned meats. Total stocks of 530 million pounds compare with 641 million a year earlier and 625 million, the average. The average increase in meat holdings for this time of year is 18 million pounds; the April 1960 advance was 47 million pounds. Holdings of frozen beef, at 147 million pounds, were about equal to a year earlier but 4 percent larger than the average. Frozen pork stocks increased 22 million pounds during the month to 232 million by May 1. Average holdings for the date are 314 million. Almost 22 million pounds of lamb and mutton were in storage on May 1, about twice the holdings of May 1, 1960 and $2\frac{1}{4}$ times the average. Canned hams totaled 48 million pounds, up 9 million from a month earlier.

UNITED STATES STORAGE HOLDINGS OF MEATS AND LARD, APRIL 30, 1961 WITH COMPARISONS
(Includes holdings in public, private and semi-private
cold storage houses and meat packing plants)

| Commodity | April 1956-60 av. 1,000 lb. | April 1960 1,000 lb. | March 1961 1,000 lb. | April 1961 1,000 lb. |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Beef: | | | | |
| Frozen | 141,132 | 147,880 | 131,619 | 146,530 |
| In cure and cured | 10,696 | 10,250 | 9,886 | 9,813 |
| Total | 151,828 | 158,130 | 141,505 | 156,343 |
| Pork, frozen: | | | | |
| Picnics | 1/ | 18,553 | 5,354 | 3,893 |
| Hams | 1/ | 62,051 | 36,718 | 49,466 |
| Bellies | 1/ | 131,992 | 73,086 | 76,799 |
| Loins | 1/ | 1/ | 11,574 | 11,545 |
| Jowls | 1/ | 1/ | 10,036 | 9,828 |
| Butts | 1/ | 1/ | 4,573 | 5,546 |
| Spareribs | 1/ | 1/ | 11,048 | 10,289 |
| Trimnings | 1/ | 1/ | 17,225 | 18,833 |
| Other pork | 1/ | 123,479 | 40,600 | 46,227 |
| Total | 314,048 | 336,075 | 210,214 | 232,426 |
| Pork in cooler: | | | | |
| Dry salt bellies | 1/ | 12,491 | 5,187 | 5,252 |
| Other dry salt pork | 1/ | 6,652 | 4,735 | 5,810 |
| Other pork cuts | 1/ | 28,073 | 23,531 | 24,970 |
| Total | 61,202 | 47,216 | 33,453 | 36,032 |
| Total pork | 375,250 | 383,291 | 243,667 | 268,458 |
| Other meats and meat products: | | | | |
| Veal, frozen | 11,943 | 7,911 | 11,861 | 12,278 |
| Lamb and mutton, frozen | 9,476 | 10,921 | 17,618 | 21,615 |
| Canned meats in cooler: | | | | |
| Hams | 2/ (76,694 | 2/ (80,270 | 38,762 | 47,546 |
| Other meats | 2/ (| 2/ (| 23,994 | 24,086 |
| Total all meats | 625,191 | 640,523 | 477,357 | 530,326 |
| Lard, rendered and refined 3/- | 144,523 | 136,000 | 141,200 | 4/ |
| GOVERNMENT HOLDINGS 5/- | | | | |
| Pork | 7,088 | 2,252 | 2,418 | 2,213 |
| Beef | 4,379 | 1,820 | 2,510 | 2,197 |

1/ No historical data available. 2/ Includes other canned meats. 3/ In dry and cold storage as reported by Bureau of Census. 4/ Not available. 5/ Government holdings are included in the totals and consist of reported stocks held by U. S. D. A., the Armed Services and other Government Agencies.

THE LIVESTOCK AND MEAT SITUATION

Approved by the Outlook and Situation Board, May 2, 1961

SUMMARY

Meat production, which is currently near year-earlier rates, will likely be close to or above last year's level during the rest of 1961. Although a small gain in output is expected in 1961 over 1960, it will probably provide consumers with about a pound less meat per person this year because of the population growth. Production this winter was 2 percent below a year earlier, due primarily to lower pork output.

Meat animal prices have held relatively steady this year in contrast to an advance early last year. In early spring, prices of most classes of cattle, calves, and lambs were below a year earlier, but hog prices were above last spring. For 1961, cattle and hog prices will probably show unusual stability, with cattle prices averaging close to last year. Hog prices will be below prices a year earlier this fall but the year's average will likely be above 1960 prices. Sheep and lamb prices will probably average lower than a year before.

Cattle slaughter in January-March was 2 percent larger than a year ago. Cow and steer slaughter was close to early 1960 rates. Heifer slaughter has been above a year earlier for nearly a year. Calf slaughter was down slightly from the first quarter in 1960. Prices to farmers for all beef cattle in April at \$20.60 per 100 pounds was \$1.20 below last April. Cow prices have held up better than steer and heifer prices indicating renewed optimism among cattle producers.

Fattening cattle on grain and other concentrate feeds will probably continue to expand during 1961. The number of cattle and calves on feed April 1 in the 26 major feeding States was up 5 percent from a year earlier. Feeders have stated intentions to market 7 percent more fed cattle in April-June this year than last. Fed cattle prices are not expected to change much during this period because grass cattle slaughter will be seasonally low. Feeder cattle prices will probably show some further seasonal gains this spring and by summer may be close to last summer.

Hog slaughter the first 3 months this year was 10 percent smaller than a year earlier and prices were above a year ago. These relationships will be reversed about midyear as larger late fall and early spring farrowings are marketed. Hog slaughter will then continue above a year earlier for at least a year.

Hog prices have fluctuated within relatively narrow limits thus far this year. Prices will probably continue relatively stable for several weeks before a small seasonal advance this summer. Prices this summer may average about as high as last summer. Hog prices this fall will be somewhat lower than last fall but above late 1959 prices.

Despite smaller January 1 inventories of sheep and lambs on feed, slaughter thus far this year has been over 10 percent larger than in early 1960. This slaughter rate indicates that a larger-than-usual proportion of the lambs on hand January 1 have been sold rather than retained in farm flocks. The average price to producers for lambs in April was \$16.10 per 100 pounds, \$3.90 below a year earlier. A seasonal uptrend in lamb prices is indicated as slaughter of old crop lambs is largely completed, but it no longer appears likely that prices this spring will reach last year's levels.

Sheep and lamb slaughter during the next few months will probably be seasonally smaller and near that of a year earlier. The early lamb crop this year is about 4 percent above a year earlier, and growth and development has been faster than usual.

Supplies of meat for consumption in 1961 may be about a pound or so less than the 161.3 pounds consumed per person in 1960. Most of the change will be in smaller pork supplies.

Cash receipts received by farmers from the sale of meat animals in 1960 totaled \$10.6 billion, 3 percent less than in 1959. Marketings of cattle and calves and sheep and lambs were larger than in 1959 but prices were lower. Sales of hogs were lower but higher prices boosted cash receipts 3 percent over 1959.

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF MEATS

| Commodity | Mar. 1961 | Mar. 1960 |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Pounds | Pounds |
| EXPORTS (Domestic) - | | |
| Beef and veal - | | |
| Fresh or frozen (except canned) | 892,153 | 800,990 |
| Pickled or cured (except canned) | 1,317,279 | 1,249,618 |
| Pork - | | |
| Fresh or frozen (except canned) | 2,400,235 | 1,385,011 |
| Hams and shoulders, cured or cooked | 505,805 | 1,340,044 |
| Bacon | 389,953 | 3,528,234 |
| Pork, pickled, salted or otherwise cured, n. e. c. ... | 1,139,365 | 1,208,119 |
| Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. (ex. canned) | 141,866 | 130,279 |
| Other meat and meat products (except canned) n.e.c..... | 35,876 | 157,172 |
| Beef and pork livers, fresh or frozen | 4,612,794 | 4,191,780 |
| Beef tongues, fresh or frozen | 2,666,679 | 2,287,700 |
| Other variety meats, (edible offal) ex. cnd. n.e.c..... | 3,259,378 | 2,302,662 |
| meat specialties, frozen, n.e.c..... | 472,059 | 713,586 |
| Canned meats - | | |
| Beef and veal | 160,088 | 150,256 |
| Sausage, prep. sausage meats, etc. n.e.c..... | 121,845 | 88,235 |
| Hams and shoulders | 26,075 | 31,287 |
| Other pork, canned | 117,106 | 335,772 |
| Other meat and meat products, n.e.c..... | 89,970 | 204,557 |
| Lamb and mutton (except canned) | 209,416 | 115,985 |
| Lard (includes rendered pork fat) | 33,898,889 | 55,506,068 |
| Shortenings, chief wt. animal fat (excl. lard) | 383,645 | 15,420 |
| Tallow, edible | 125,702 | 649,324 |
| Tallow, inedible | 140,088,742 | 140,361,436 |
| Inedible animal oils, n.e.c..... | 594,650 | 256,415 |
| Inedible animal greases and fats, n.e.c..... | 14,537,502 | 16,969,225 |
| Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census. | | |

UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF LIVESTOCK

| | Mar. 1961 | Mar. 1960 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| | Number | Number |
| Cattle (for breeding) - | | |
| Dairy | 934 | 803 |
| Ex. dairy | 1,070 | 2,127 |
| Other (ex. for breeding) | 289 | 27 |
| Hogs | 2,162 | 397 |
| Sheep | 2,780 | 12 |

Compiled from official records, Bureau of the Census.

Number of Cattle and Calves from Canada and Mexico Passed for
Entry into the United States
March 1961, with comparisons
USDA - ARS - Animal Inspection and Quarantine Div.

| Month and period | Canada | Mexico |
|------------------|--------|---------|
| | 1961 | 1960 |
| | Head | Head |
| March | 9,837 | 59,976 |
| Jan.-Mar..... | 40,776 | 176,296 |
| | | 42,063 |
| | | 121,325 |

Note: During Jan.-Mar. this year 40 sheep and 7,156 hogs were received from Canada compared with 123 sheep and 8,874 hogs a year ago.



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